

TOPIC Oranienburg Airfield

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REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 3, 6, 10, 18, 21, 28 and 30 December 1954 and on 3 January 1955, the quartering buildings in the northern section of Weisse Stadt in Oranienburg, except for the Hans Schemm School, were apparently occupied. There was little traffic by soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Painting work was being done in the Hans Schemm School except for the ground floor. At about 2230 on 30 December, the quartering buildings were fully lighted, while the Hans Schemm School was entirely dark. <sup>1</sup>

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2. Between 20 and 29 December, no air activity was observed at Oranienburg airfield. On 28 December, no aircraft were observed in the hangar or revetments. Two searchlights about 100 meters apart were located about 100 meters north of the extension of the runway. They radiated their light to the south. At about 1800, 4 lights arranged at large intervals from the west to east were observed for the first time just south of the runway. Six lamps were switched on just north of the runway between the hangar and the runway.

30 December. At 1600, individual flights were made by 3 Po-2s which headed south.

31 December to 3 January. No air activity was observed at the field. 2

### 3. Rail shipments

21 December. At noon, 6 to 8 gondola cars were seen on the side track near the ramp. The 8 to 10 boxcars which had been observed at the field on 20 December were no longer seen.

27 December. At about 1500, 1 boxcar was seen at the loading ramp. No loading or unloading operations were under way on the two days of observations.<sup>3</sup>

#### 4. Vehicular traffic

The following motor vehicles were seen between the airfield and Weisse Stadt between 21 December 1954 and 3 January 1955:

Trucks  all with drivers wearing 25X1  
black-bordered blue epaulets.

Van-like truck [redacted] with driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1

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5. Weisse Stadt restricted area

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The section of building No 6 with 4 entrances, which had been vacated by Unit Burakov (red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia), was prepared as billets allegedly for officer dependents of Unit Koslov. Building No 59 (old number) was converted for storage purposes for Unit Koslov. Buildings [redacted] and 61 (now Nos 20 and 21) presumably were to be converted to [redacted] shops, but a final decision was not yet reached. All construction [redacted] being [redacted] pushed ahead because the new air force unit was allegedly expected to arrive in Weisse Stadt by 6 January 1955. However, work could not be completed by that date because of frost. <sup>1</sup>

6. Motor vehicles of Unit Koslov:

Trucks	Jeep	Ambulance
[redacted]		

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7. Weisse Stadt restricted area

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[redacted] improvement and reconstruction work in the Weisse Stadt restricted area in Ornaienburg was almost exclusively being done for the Soviet Air Force and that the expenses would amount to 2,500,000 eastmarks. Buildings Nos 54 through 58 were completed and occupied by air force officers' dependents except for building No 58. Half of building No 49 was occupied by families of officers. Building No 21 (new No 56) served as guardhouse and was occupied by sentries wearing white-bordered light blue epaulets. The southern and northern sections of building No 13 were occupied by EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with insignia, while the middle section was prepared as apartments. <sup>1</sup>

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8. Air Activity and aircraft

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30 December. During the morning, 2 Po-2s were parked south of the hangar.

6 and 7 January. A Po-2 made a test flight of about 3 minutes duration.

9 and 10 January. No air activity was seen during the short period of observation.

12 January. At least 6 Po-2s engines were test run southwest of the hangar.

13, 14 and 17 January. No air activity was seen during the limited period of observation. <sup>2</sup>

9. Weisse Stadt restricted area

On various days between 30 December 1954 and 17 January 1955, it was determined about that 350 men were quartered in the restricted area. The soldiers observed wore black-bordered blue epaulets.

On 6 January, 10 tank truck trailers, about 3 single-axle trailers, 3 field [redacted] trucks were parked on the parking lot at the corner formed by [redacted] and Thaelmann Strasse. Parked trucks were seen through [redacted] gates of building No 39 (now 42). Ten tank trucks and 8 trucks were parked on the parking lot west of building No 35. Renovating work was under way on the second and third stories of building No 53 (now 50). German workers were engaged in tearing down the destroyed building No 46 (now 33). Work was also under way on buildings Nos 1, 2, 3, 16 and 17. <sup>1</sup>

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. Oranienburg airfield is still occupied by a unit apparently equipped with 2 to 6 Po-2s. 25X1

3. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] . The purpose of the shipment has not been determined. 25X1

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